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REMARKS

Claims 1-51 were pending in the application. Claims 1-13 and 27-51 have been canceled without prejudice. No claims have been added. Thus, claims 14-26 are subject to continued examination. Each of these claims is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an action to that effect is requested at this time.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS:

Claims 14 - 26 were rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent 6,340,514, over claims 1-32 of U.S. Patent 6,589,631, and over claims 1 - 4 of U.S. Patent 6,296,919. Applicants have submitted herewith appropriate terminal disclaimers to obviate these rejections.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections have been obviated and that the remaining claims all stand in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit under separate cover a Fifth Supplemental Information disclosure Statement listing U.S. Patent 6,478,995, issued to Milliken & Company on November 12, 2002.

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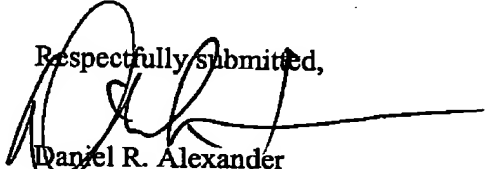
CONCLUSION / AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT:

On the grounds as set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that all claims be passed to issue. While an attempt has been made to address all outstanding issues, to any extent that one or more issues remain, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

Please charge all fees required for acceptance of this amendment to Deposit Account 04-0500.

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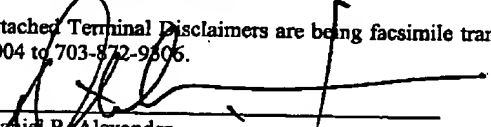
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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence along with three attached Terminal Disclaimers are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 29, 2004 to 703-872-9806.



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